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Inyo County Superior Court Receives Kelps Award

Superior Court of California
County of Inyo
Dean Stout, Presiding Judge

The Inyo County Superior Court has been honored by receiving the distinguished Kleps Award. Named after Ralph N. Kleps, the first administrative director of the California courts, the award recognizes outstanding programs that demonstrate innovation in the administration of the state's courts.

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Inyo County was singled out for our Night Court Child Support Calendar. Unique in California, the dedicated child support calendar in a night court setting allows working parents to have access to the court without being adversely impacted economically. The efficiency and effectiveness of the Court in handling child support cases is enhanced by the increased participation of parents during the night court sessions.

Credit for this innovative program goes to Inyo County Family Support Commissioner Terry Lee. Commissioner Lee not only conceived the idea, but through her leadership and hard work the program has proven highly successful.

This collaborative effort would not have been successful without the leadership and cooperation of Ms. Linda Anisman, Director of the Eastern Sierra Child Support Agency and her staff. The Court Executive Officer Ms. Nancy Moxley and Sheriff Dan Lucas and their staffs deserve credit for having Court Clerks and Bailiffs available for the night court session. The members of the local Bar Association and Inyo County Family Law Facilitator Mr. Charles Schneider also deserve to be commended for their cooperation and participation in the night court sessions.

The Court is grateful for this honor, and trusts that other courts may be able to replicate our program. The Inyo County Superior Court is committed to continuing to find innovative methods of increasing access to the Court, as well as improving our ability to provide the highest quality of justice in the most efficient and effective manner possible.



Chief Justice Ronald George of the California Supreme Court is shown presenting Presiding Judge Dean Stout and Family Support Commissioner Terry Lee of the Inyo County Superior Court, the distinguished Ralph M. Kleps Award for innovation and improvement in the administration of the courts. The award was presented at the statewide Judicial Administration Conference, and given in recognition of the Inyo County Superior Court's implementation of a dedicated night court calendar for child support cases.

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